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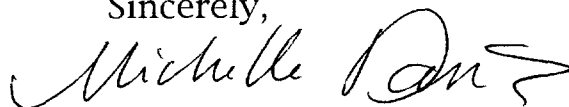
Dear Commissioner,

I am writing to urge you to act on docket number 98p-0151/cp1 and end the slaughter of downed animals for the human food supply. The use of downed animals for human consumption is against federal law according to existing USDA regulations. Downed animals are defined as being unable to stand and they are labeled as being diseased. Therefore, the current practice of slaughtering downed animals must stop.

The petition has the best interests of both the animals and humans. Diseases like bovine leukemia virus (BLV) and bovine immunodeficiency virus (BIV) and "Mad Cow Disease" (BSE) should be grave concerns for the Food and Drug Administration and for humans who consume meat.

The downed animal trade is horrific and needs to be stopped. I urge you to act upon this issue quickly.

Sincerely,



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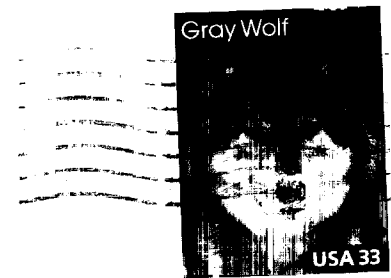
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